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Applicants: Kinya AOTA, et al.  
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For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.